Military Police (MP) Support for Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Operations

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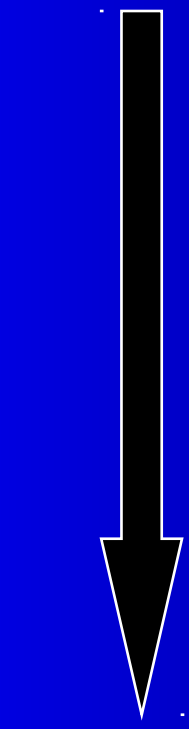
Introduction

- Reference: MCWP 3-34.1 “Military Police in Support of the MAGTF”
- The purpose of this brief is to provide commander’s with an overview of MP operational capabilities in support of the MAGTF so that MP assets can be utilized to their full potential across the entire spectrum of future military operations.

Spectrum of Conflict



U.S. Goals	Examples
Fight and Win	Large Scale Combat Ops Attack/Defend/Blockade
Deter War and Resolve Conflict (MOOTW)	Peace Enforcement Counterterrorism Show of Force Peacekeeping NEO Nation Assistance Counterinsurgency
Promote Peace and Support U.S. Civil	Freedom of Navigation Counterdrug HA

Why are MPs needed?

- Changing nature of conflicts in the post-Cold War world
  - Somalia
  - Haiti
  - Bosnia
  - Kosovo
- Emergence of formidable transnational threats

A MAGTF “Force Multiplier”

- MPs provide unique capabilities across the full spectrum of conflict:
  - Support for AT/FP Ops
  - Maneuver and Mobility support Ops
  - Area Security Ops
  - Law and Order Ops
  - Internment Ops

“It is incumbent on us as leaders to look at a situation such as the attack on COLE and ensure that we have provided the Commanding Officer all of the tools he needed to do his job.” ADM Vern Clark

Anti-terrorism/Force Protection

- MP capabilities improve a unit's AT/FP posture:
  - Level I AT/FP training
  - Assist in the development and implementation of AT/FP plans
  - Command vulnerability assessments
  - Provide recommendations for specific measures and actions at various FPCONS
  - Assist in collecting and analyzing threat information and threat capability
  - Maintain liaison with HN and foreign authorities

Tailored Support for the Commander

Security patrol.

- Force Protection Officer/Unit Advisor
- Physical Security Specialist
- Criminal Investigator
- Military Working Dog Team
- MP Platoon or Detachment
- MP Battalion (Future)

Maneuver and Mobility Support

MP patrol checkpoint.

- Route recon and surveillance
- MSR regulation and enforcement
- MSR control measures
- Support for river crossing, passage of lines, and area damage control ops
- Straggler control
- Information collection

Area Security Operations

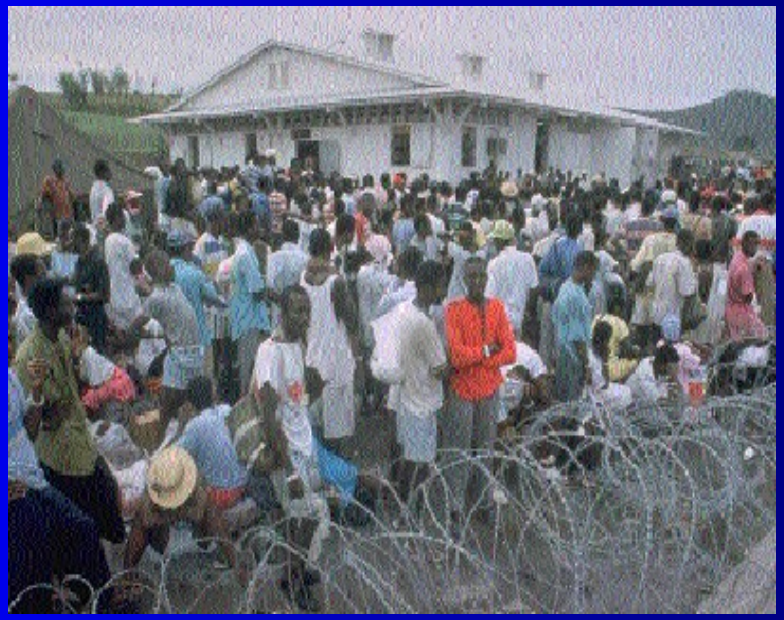
- Rear area security
- Airfield security
- FARP security
- NBC monitoring and survey ops
- Port security
- Logistics convoy security

Law and Order Operations

MP with UN police discussing a murder investigation.

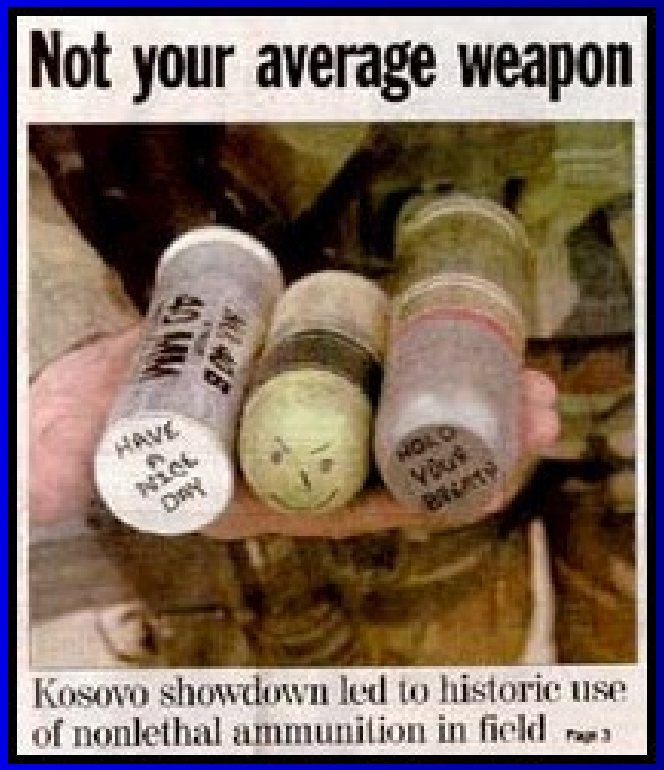
- Law enforcement
- MWD ops
- Traffic enforcement and investigations
- Criminal investigations
- Crime prevention and physical security
- Customs support

Internment Operations



- Enemy prisoner of War (EPW) and civilian internee (CI) ops
- Perform security tasks
- Implement control measures
- Establish collection points
- Conduct field processing
- Coordinate evacuations

Non-Lethal Operations and Training



- Force and site protection
- Riot and crowd control
- Interdiction and isolation
- Operational persuasion
- Security assistance
- Strategic preemption
- Hostage rescue and combating terrorism

The Road Ahead

"Multiple belligerents and a blurring of the distinctions and national affiliations among terrorist groups, sub-national factions, insurgent groups, and international criminals will complicate an environment where a direct attack is often the least likely course of action."

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MP Support Provides a “Force of Choice” for an Uncertain Operational Environment

- Maximize Protection
- Mobile Patrols
- Man Posts
- Manage Problems
- Move People
- Make Peace
- Multi Purpose
- More Productive

Any Questions?

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